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Sirs-

I'm writing you this letter asking for your support regarding doing something about the rising cost of our property taxes.

I personally believe that we should only get taxed on what we paid for our home. Additional revenue can be made on others who buy homes at a higher price. I bought my townhouse at \$190,000 because it is what I could afford. Mortgage, utilities taxes and all. Now my townhome is assessed at over \$300,000 and I'm taxed at a much higher rate. If I could have afforded this I would have bought a home at \$300,000.

The City should not be justified in raising out property taxes because of adjusted market value. They do not adjust out vehicle tax based on depreciation. In fact wasn't it just raised? The value of our vehicles does not go up through the years. Why isn't that adjusted? I know that the vehicle tax is based upon weight but, if you really think about it; it doesn't make sense.

My mother has lived in Kapahulu for over 40 years. She is 88 years old and on a limited fixed income (Social Security). This means I have to pick up the slack for what she will not be able to pay. Either that or she loses her home. Please help us on this issue.

There would have been more people appealing the increased tax but I truly believe that people didn't know where to go to get the information regarding the "Fair Market Value".

I could go on forever, but I know that you are a busy person and I don't want to take up more than my share of your time. I think that you get the point of what I'm trying to say. Thanks for the opportunity.

Joel Gonsalves

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